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Animals used in research			Language found in OD section: Conferees urge NIH to minimize the use of non-human animals in nicotine or tobacco experiments, and encourage exploration of any non-human research methods that may be used as an alternative to using non-human animals.
Behavioral science research		Language found in NCI section: Committee commends NCI for expanding its infrastructure to fund behavioral and population research in cancer prevention, treatment, and control. Committee encourages NCI to expand investigation of the effective provision of mental health services to improve the course of cancer treatment and to aid in the adjustment to cancer survivorship. Committee encourages NCI to build upon its collaborations with NIDA to more thoroughly investigate issues of youth tobacco promotion research focused on children and youth, and interdisciplinary research on tobacco addiction and cessation. Committee encourages NCI to expand its research on adherence to treatment regimens and to health-promoting behaviors such as physical activity and healthy diet. Language found in OD section: Committee urges NIH to incorporate behavioral research as part of its core public health mission, and to provide a detailed description of NIH's ongoing work in the behavioral sciences, including a breakdown by Institute, and funds within each Institute of research and training activities included in the behavioral and social science portfolio.	
Bone disease	Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages NCI to study the role of angiogenesis in the metastasis of breast and prostate cancer to the bone through all available mechanisms including the development of	Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages NCI to study the role of angiogenesis in the metastasis of breast and prostate cancer to the bone. Committee encourages NCI to develop experimental	

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	<p>experimental genetic animal models that replicate the process of human cancer metastasis to the bone and exploring why bone is a preferential site for metastasis.</p> <p>Language found in NIDDK section: Committee encourages NIDDK to work with NCI to focus on cancer that spreads to the bone.</p>	<p>genetic animal models that replicate the process of human cancer metastasis to the bone in humans, and to explore why bone is a preferential site for metastasis.</p>	
Breast cancer	<p>Language found in NCI section: NCI is encouraged to explore an approach to disease management that includes comprehensive systems for the early detection and treatment of breast cancer. Such systems incorporate advanced imaging technologies including medical infrared imaging derived from the U.S. military and NASA, and other optical and non-invasive modalities converged with emerging treatments such as angiogenic therapy.</p> <p>Language found in NIEHS section: Committee urges NIEHS to enhance its research efforts into the environment's role in the development of breast cancer.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee strongly urges NCI to continue to expand breast cancer research and to devote the highest possible funding level to finding the causes and cures for this disease.</p>	
Cancer and minorities	<p>Language found in OD section: Committee encourages NIH to develop a strategic plan to address recommendations in the IOM report "The Unequal Burden of Cancer." Committee encourages NIH to enhance funding for population, behavioral, socio-cultural, communications, and community-based research; recruiting and training efforts to attract more candidates from ethnic minority and medically underserved populations in all areas of cancer research; cancer data collection and management and interagency coordination of data collection, and support for NCI SEER program.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages continued research in the areas of prevention and detection, utilizing nurse practitioners in community-based centers for screening and education for the underserved populations of Native Hawaiians.</p> <p>Language found in OD section: Committee urges that, within the increases for NIH, the ICs with cancer-directed research agendas work together to: 1) develop and proceed with a 5-year strategic plan to implement the recommendations in IOM study "The Unequal Burden of Cancer"; 2) establish benchmarks, program evaluations, and accountability procedures; 3) allocate necessary</p>	

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		resources to address IOM-identified priorities; 4) substantially increase funding for the following activities: a) population, behavioral, socio-cultural, communications and community-based research; b) recruiting and training efforts to attract more candidates from ethnic minority and medically underserved populations in all areas of cancer research; c) cancer data collection, management and interagency coordination of data collection, with special support for the NCI SEER program.	
Cancer Registries		Committee encourages NIH to work with CDC to increase support for statewide cancer registries.	
Childhood skeletal malignancies	Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages NCI to enhance the level of scientific knowledge of osteosarcoma, Ewings sarcoma, and related malignancies affecting connective tissue through all available mechanisms including a consensus conference to develop a research agenda.		
Clinical Research Loan Repayment			Language found in OD section: Conference agreement includes a provision to allow extramural clinical researchers to be included in the clinical research loan repayment program for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.
Complementary and alternative cancer therapies		Language found in NCI section: Committee expects NCI to work collaboratively with NCCAM to support expanded research on promising complementary and alternative cancer therapies and integration with traditional therapies. Committee would like to be briefed on the progress of the Institute's efforts prior to the next appropriations cycle.	
DES	Language found in NCI section: Committee urges NCI to review the plan for expanded DES education activities that has been developed by CDC, the Office of Women's	Language found in NCI section: Committee strongly supports increased efforts to study and educate the public and health professionals about the impact of exposure to DES,	

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	<p>Health, and groups representing individuals affected by DES within a reasonable time frame and collaborate with CDC on its implementation. Committee also urges NCI to ensure that public information pamphlets developed by NCI are readily made available to consumers.</p> <p>Language found in CDC section [under chronic and environmental disease prevention]: Committee has provided an increase above last year's level for priority activities including DES education.</p>	<p>and expects NCI to continue to support DES research. Committee has included sufficient funds for NCI to continue to work with CDC using a contract to implement a national education program, and expects NCI to consult organizations representing individuals impacted by DES.</p>	
Endometrial and cervical cancer	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages NCI to conduct a programmatic review of the research portfolios in endometrial and cervical cancer and enhance research in areas of discovery that are not currently being funded using all available mechanisms, including RFAs for SPOREs.</p>		
Esophageal and stomach cancer	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages NCI, in collaboration with NIDDK, to enhance efforts in research on esophageal and stomach cancer. Both cancers disproportionately affect minority populations, particularly African Americans and Hispanics.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee notes that esophageal and stomach cancers disproportionately affect minority populations and urges NCI and NIDDK to focus research resources for these cancers on: genetic aspects; diagnostic tests for genetic abnormalities and prevention efforts; modulation and understanding of epithelial injury and repair; environmental factors; and the development and treatment of Barrett's syndrome in patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease.</p>	
Genealogical Databases			<p>Language found in NCI section: Conferees encourages NCI to take appropriate steps to take full advantage of scientific opportunities that may be available from using genealogical databases to understand, diagnose, treat and prevent cancer.</p>
Head and neck cancer	<p>Language found in NCI section:</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section:</p>	

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	Committee encourages NCI to expand research in the area of the development of molecular markers that are predictive of the presence or likelihood of regional metastasis in patients with head and neck cancer.	Committee urges NCI to expand research support to develop molecular markers that are predictive of the presence or likelihood of regional metastasis in patients with head and neck cancer. (see also molecular markers)	
Health communication and basic biobehavioral research		Language found in NCI section: Committee recognizes NCI's long range planning and commitment to train new cancer control scientists, and the addition of new programmatic research elements of health communication and basic biobehavioral research. Committee commends NCI for continuing to expand the pool of behavioral scientists within NCI program staff.	
Health status of disadvantaged populations		Language found in OD section: Committee encourages the NIH Director to provide adequate funding for continuation and growth of NIH programs that emphasize improving the health status of disadvantaged populations, including racial and ethnic minorities, and places a special emphasis on MARC, MBRS, RCMI, and ORMH programs. Committee expects that these programs will be supported at a level at least consistent with the overall NIH increase.	
Hepatocellular carcinoma		Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages NCI to develop a comprehensive research portfolio on the natural history of the development of hepatocellular carcinoma in patients with hepatitis C. Committee looks forward to learning of the progress made in this area prior to FY 2002 appropriations hearing.	
Human Embryo Research	Language found in DHHS section: The bill includes the same language included for the past several years to prohibit the use of funds for research involving human embryos. This language also has the effect of prohibiting human cloning.		
Human papillomavirus		Language found in NIAID section: Committee encourages NIAID, in collaboration	

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		with NCI and CDC to increase research on vaccine and microbicide development to prevent HPV infection, establish collaborative research in the areas of diagnostic tests and effective management of HPV in the clinical setting, and fund epidemiological studies on factors contributing to persistent HPV infection.	
Human tissue samples used for research			Language found in OD section: Conferees encourage the NIH Director to work with the relevant Institutes to consider expanding support to meet the demand for the use of human tissue samples for research purposes.
Imaging systems technologies		Language found in NCI section: Committee urges NCI to continue to take a leadership role with HCFA and FDA to avoid duplicative reviews of new imaging technologies. Committee supports NCI's increased emphasis on examining the molecular basis of disease through imaging technologies such as PET and MicroPET. Committee encourages large scale testing of women for breast cancer and of men for prostate cancer to demonstrate and quantify the increased diagnostic and staging capabilities of PET relative to conventional diagnostic and staging technologies including mammography.	
Lung cancer screening	Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages NCI to examine new technologies such as helical CT scanning and examine their usefulness in early diagnosis and patient treatment.		
Lymphatic System			Language found in OD section: Conferees encourage NIH to consider establishing a trans-NIH coordinating committee to focus on the lymphatic system, with particular emphasis on lymph edema and related lymphatic disorders.

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Lymphoma	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee understands that NCI is committed to conducting a progress review group on lymphoma and requests that NCI Director be prepared to provide a progress report at the FY 2002 appropriations hearing.</p> <p>Language found in NIEHS section: Committee encourages NIEHS to collaborate its research efforts with NCI, through participation in the progress review group, to better understand environmental factors that may contribute to the cause of the disease.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee is pleased that NCI is conducting a PRG on lymphoma and requests that NCI report on the progress of lymphoma PRG and the development of a prioritized national research agenda for lymphoma at FY 2002 appropriations hearing.</p>	
Marine mammals research	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages NCI to study the immune systems and bioactive cell and tissue molecules of marine animals such as sharks, skates, and rays in order to understand their resistance to cancer and the potential development of more effective therapies to inhibit cancer in humans.</p>		
Molecular markers	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages NCI to expand research in the area of the development of molecular markers that are predictive of the presence or likelihood of regional metastasis in patients with head and neck cancer. (see also head and neck cancer)</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee urges NCI to expand research support to develop molecular markers that are predictive of the presence or likelihood of regional metastasis in patients with head and neck cancer.</p>	
Multiple myeloma (MM)	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee is pleased that MM was included in an NCI PRG and looks forward to hearing about the Institute's plans for the group's findings at the FY 2002 appropriations hearing. Committee continues to urge NCI to support epidemiological and other data gathering activities relevant to MM and to coordinate efforts with CDC, NIEHS, ORDR, and ORMH. Committee encourages NCI to disseminate information and educate the public and health professionals about the symptoms and treatment of MM.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee is pleased that MM was included in an NCI PRG and looks forward to hearing about the Institute's plans for the PRG findings at the FY 2002 appropriations hearing. Committee continues to strongly urge NCI to address epidemiological and other data gathering activities relevant to MM and to coordinate efforts with CDC, NIEHS, ORDR, ORMH, and NIEHS. Committee encourages NCI to disseminate information and educate the public and health professionals about the symptoms and treatment of MM.</p>	
National occupational	<p>Language found in NCI section:</p>		

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research agenda	Committee encourages NCI to work with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to enhance research in relevant National Occupational Research Agenda priority areas such as cancer research methods, special populations at risk, mixed exposures, risk assessment methods, and exposure assessment methods.		
Native American biomedical research	Language found in OD section: Committee encourages NIH to increase research efforts in the areas of Native American biomedical research.		
Neurofibromatosis (NF)	Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages NCI to strengthen its NF research portfolio in such areas as further development of animal models, natural history studies, and therapeutic experimentation and clinical trials. Committee also urges NCI to continue to coordinate its efforts with other Institutes engaged in NF research. Language found in NHLBI section: Committee encourages NHLBI to enhance its NF research activities, coordinate its efforts with other Institutes engaged in NF research and be prepared to report on its research at its FY 2002 appropriations hearing. Language found in NICHD section: Committee encourages NICHD to enhance its NF research activities, coordinate its efforts with other Institutes engaged in NF research and be prepared to report on its research at its FY 2002 appropriations hearing.	Language found in NCI section: Committee encourages NCI to strengthen its NF research portfolio in the following areas: development of animal models; natural history studies; therapeutic experimentation; clinical trials. Committee urges NCI to continue to coordinate efforts with other Institutes engaged in NF research, and report on the status of the NF research portfolio at FY 2002 appropriations hearing.	
Nutrition therapy		Language found in NCI section: Committee notes IOM report findings that Medicare beneficiaries undergoing cancer treatment may also benefit from nutrition therapy aimed at controlling side effects or improving food intake. Committee encourages NCI to conduct research to assess	

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		changes in patient quality of life as a result of nutrition intervention, and conduct randomized clinical trials of older cancer patients to determine if there is a relationship between nutrition support and clinical outcomes for cancer patients.	
Ovarian and cervical cancer	Language found in NCI section: Committee commends NCI for moving forward to fully fund 2 and partially fund 2 ovarian cancer SPOREs in FY 2000. Committee encourages NCI to fully fund all SPOREs in FY 2001 and requests that the NCI Director be prepared to give a progress report at the FY 2002 appropriations hearing.	Language found in NCI section: Committee strongly urges NCI to expedite current research on screening methods to detect, diagnose, and identify staging of ovarian cancer. Committee encourages NCI Director to fully fund 4 ovarian cancer SPOREs in FY 2001 and potentially issue a new RFA for additional ovarian cancer SPOREs. Committee strongly urges NCI to accelerate research to identify a cost-effective screening strategy to achieve earlier diagnosis and higher cure rates for ovarian cancer.	
Pancreatic cancer		Language found in NCI section: Committee notes that pancreatic cancer has the lowest 5-year survival rate (4 percent) and is not diagnosed until advanced stages when treatment options are limited and largely ineffective. Committee expects NCI to report at FY 2002 appropriations hearing on a commitment to support the development of early detection methods, improved surgical techniques, effective chemotherapy, and new drugs to treat pancreatic cancer, and public education efforts.	
Pediatric research initiative (PRI)	Language found in OD section: Committee urges NIH to strengthen and expand its portfolio of pediatric research across all Institutes and establish priorities based on the severity and impact of pediatric diseases and on the potential for scientific breakthroughs. Committee urges the NIH Director to ensure that ICs involved in pediatric research coordinate their efforts, with NICHD taking the lead, in order to avoid duplication and maximize funding allocations. Committee encourages NIH to	Language found in OD section: Committee recognizes the importance of the PRI within the NIH and encourages the Director to build upon its overall investment in research by exploring promising areas of extramural pediatric research.	

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	enhance research into the therapeutic treatments for pediatric illnesses to understand the impacts of traditional therapies on children and identify new treatments.		
Peer review process	Language found in OD section: Committee requests that NIH staff who are involved in the peer review of grant applications should seek broadly, through various sources, to identify individuals who might serve on initial peer review groups. These individuals could be given opportunities to serve as, and be mentored on, the duties of peer reviewers for several review cycles and then be appointed for full terms as warranted.		
Physician comparability allowances			Language found in OD section: Conference agreement includes a provision not proposed by either the House or the Senate to extend the authority of physicians comparability allowances for five years.
Primary immunodeficiency diseases	Language found in NCI section: Committee notes that NCI held a symposium in March 2000 to investigate the relationship between primary immune deficiency diseases and cancer and hopes that this will lead to the development of a research agenda in this field. Committee is aware of the commitment of NCI to the national education and awareness campaign sponsored by the Jeffrey Modell Foundation.	Language found in NCI section: Committee notes that NCI held a symposium in March 2000 with top experts in primary immunodeficiency diseases, and hopes it will lead to a strong research agenda in the field. Committee is aware of the commitment of NIH to the national education and awareness campaign, and commends NCI for its commitment to this campaign and the role these efforts will play in assuring the earliest possible diagnosis of primary immunodeficiency and of any cancers that may stem from it.	
Prostate cancer	Language found in NCI section: Committee urges NCI to place an increased priority on research, including clinical trials, that result in earlier, more reliable detection methods and more effective and less disfiguring treatment regimens.	Language found in NCI section: Committees urges NCI and other institutes to aggressively increase efforts that will lead to the development of new treatments, new preventives, and new interventions for prostate cancer patients. Committee encourages NCI to develop methods to identify patients who are at risk of progression from	

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		<p>early stage to clinically relevant disease. Committee encourages NCI to conduct clinical trials to determine whether yearly screening for prostate cancer using PSA blood test will decrease mortality from prostate cancer.</p> <p>Committee encourages NCI in the following activities: testing new systems that will identify the best trials, improve trial planning, speed trial activation and improve availability of trials to patients; implementing programs to assist investigators in academia and small businesses in getting promising compounds into clinical testing. Committee urges NCI to initiate clinical trials to optimize hormonal and chemotherapeutic approaches, and to conduct studies to identify risk factors for prostate cancer in ethnic populations including African Americans and Chinese.</p> <p>Committee encourages NCI to study the associations of dietary patterns with prostate cancer, and variations in the role of diet in different racial and ethnic groups.</p> <p>Committee urges NCI to strengthen and expand the prostate cancer research portfolio, expects NCI to accelerate spending on prostate cancer research, and expects NCI to consult the research community, clinicians, and patient groups to identify promising new avenues of basic and clinical research.</p>	
Reasonable rate of return			<p>Language found in General Provisions section:</p> <p>Conference agreement does not include a provision proposed by the Senate to withhold funding if the NIH Director fails to provide a proposal to require a reasonable rate of return on both intramural and extramural research by March 31, 2001</p> <p>[not included in the Senate Report, but</p>

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			<p>included as amendment 3632 to HR 4577 proposed by Senator Ron Wyden (R-OR) “None of the funds made available under this Act may be made available to any entity under the PHS Act after Sept. 1, 2001, unless the Director of NIH has provided to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions a proposal to require a reasonable rate of return on both intramural and extramural research by march 31, 2001”]</p> <p>Language found in OD section By July, 2001, based on a list of therapeutic drugs which are FDA approved, have reached \$500,000 per year in sales in the US, and have received NIH funding, NIH will prepare a plan to ensure that taxpayers interests are protected.</p> <p>.</p>
Reprogramming		<p>Language found in OD section: Committee directs the NIH Director to make a written request to the Committee Chairman prior to reprogramming of \$1 million between programs, projects, activities, institutes, divisions and centers. Committee desires to have requests for reprogramming actions which involve less than \$1 million if such actions would have the effect of changing funding requirements in future years, if programs or projects specifically cited in the Committee’s reports are affected or if the action can be considered in initiation of a new program.</p>	
Research portfolio balance	<p>Language found in NIH section: Committee has maintained its policy of resisting disease specific earmarks in the bill and report,</p>		

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	<p>believing that decisions as to appropriate levels of funding and appropriate avenues of research are best left to the scientific managers at NIH. In stating that scientific opportunity should be the basis for allocating research funding, the Committee understands that other factors also are relevant to NIH's decisions, including such considerations as the infectious nature of a disease, the number of cases and deaths associated with a particular disease, the Federal and other costs of treating a disease, the years of productive life lost due to a particular disease, and the estimated proximity to research breakthroughs. The Committee does not presume to judge which criteria should take precedence or carry the greatest weight in individual funding decisions, but urges NIH to consider the full array of relevant criteria as it constructs its research portfolio.</p>		
Rural poor in health disparities research	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee urges NCI to include the rural poor population in its efforts to eliminate health disparities.</p>		
Salary Cap			<p>Language found in General Provisions Conference agreement includes a provision limiting the use of NIH funds to pay the salary of an individual, through a grant or other mechanism, at a rate in excess of Level I of the Executive Schedule</p>
Transdisciplinary tobacco use research centers (TTURCs)		<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee commends NCI for collaborating with NIDA and private foundations in establishing 7 TTURCs. Language found in NIDA section: Committee is pleased that NIDA has teamed with NCI and an outside foundation to establish the TTURCs.</p>	

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Urological diseases and cancers	<p>Language found in NCI section: Committee is pleased with new initiatives in prostate cancer now underway; however, research in other urologic cancers such as kidney and bladder cancer needs to be enhanced. Committee urges NCI to develop a plan to expand its research programs for other urologic cancers and take advantage of new knowledge that has been acquired about cancer diagnosis and treatment.</p> <p>Language found in OD section: Committee remains concerned with the degree of coordination of urologic research across the various Institutes. While the Committee is pleased with the creation of a special emphasis panel to review urology grant applications, the NIH Director is encouraged to consider further steps to strengthen the research program to better address unmet public health needs.</p>		
Women's health		<p>Language found in Bill Highlights section: In light of the GAO report assessing the NIH's progress on conducting research on women's health in the past decade, the Committee urges NIH to adopt GAO's recommendations to implement the requirement that phase III clinical trials be designed and carried out to allow for the valid analysis of differences between women and men. To improve the accuracy of NIH's tracking data system on the inclusion of women and minorities, the Committee urges NIH to ensure that their staff receive ongoing training on the requirements and purpose of the system.</p> <p>The \$2.7 billion increase provided for NIH by the Committee includes funds for implementation of the recommendations detailed in the GAO Report of May, 2000 titled "Women's Health: NIH Has Increased Its Efforts to Include Women in</p>	

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		Research” and to expand research into a range of women’s health concerns including cancers of the breast, cervix, ovary, and uterus.	